

Special Session

Agenda Item #	4
Meeting Date	October 15, 2007
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Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of In-Car Video Cameras - Police Department
Background	<p>Many area police departments equip their patrol vehicles with video camera systems in order to monitor significant work events by the patrol officer. The camera systems usually record areas of view facing towards the front of the vehicle and are designed to capture details of a potential violator's driving behavior, as well as the details of the stop and encounter between the officer and the subject.</p> <p>The video obtained is very useful to support officer testimony concerning violations, provide valuable evidence in the event of an assault on the officer, and refute (or support) claims of improper performance by officers. The camera will also collect video in the minutes preceding significant events such as a collision.</p> <p>The specific brand/model selected is the Panasonic Toughbook Arbitrator, to be purchased from Pelican Mobile on the Maryland State Contract DBM-0106-RADEQ. The contract price is \$4,800 per unit, including software licensing prices. Of the major brands of law enforcement in-car video camera systems available on the market, this is the only one in which the equipment is not manufactured by a company on the adopted Nuclear Free America list of parent companies of U.S. nuclear weapons system contractors.</p>
Policy	<p>This will be a cooperative purchase in accordance with the provisions of the City Code; consequently, competitive bidding is not required.</p> <p>The cost is in excess of \$10,000. Therefore, Council approval of the purchase is required.</p> <p>The project will be funded by several grants accounted for in the Special Revenue Fund. A single reading ordinance is appropriate.</p>
Fiscal Impact	<p>The total purchase cost of 12 Panasonic Toughbook Abitrator units from Pelican Mobile will be \$57,600, to be distributed among three grants as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) \$36,680 to be charged against the COPS Technology Grant 2) \$14,470 to be charged against the FY2005 Justice Assistance Grant 3) \$6,450 to be charged against the FY2006 Justice Assistance Grant
Attachments	Proposed Ordinance
Recommendation	Staff recommends that the Council approve the attached ordinance.

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2007 -**

Authorization to Purchase In-Car Video Cameras

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park desires to obtain in-car video camera systems for use in police patrol vehicles; AND

WHEREAS, this is a cooperative purchase and competitive bidding is not required; AND

WHEREAS, the camera system that best meets the needs of the City's Police Department is the Panasonic Toughbook Arbitrator; AND

WHEREAS, neither Panasonic nor Pelican Mobile is on the adopted Nuclear Free America list of parent companies of U.S. nuclear weapons system contractors; AND

WHEREAS, the equipment will enhance police services and protect police officers; AND

WHEREAS, funding has been secured through grants from several federal sources to provide for these expenses; AND

WHEREAS, the adopted FY08 Budget provides sufficient funding in the Special Revenues Fund for payment of the \$57,600 cost of this equipment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:**

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee is authorized to purchase 12 Panasonic Toughbook Arbitrator in-car video camera systems from Pelican Mobile in the total amount of \$57,600 in accordance with State of Maryland contract pricing.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of October, 2007 by roll call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: